Religion Or Spirituality?

The definition of religion

Religion is generally defined as the belief in, and worship of, a superhuman power or powers, especially a God or gods. It can also refer to a particular system of faith and worship or a pursuit or interest to which someone ascribes supreme importance.

The definition of spirituality

Spirituality is the quality of being concerned with the human spirit or soul rather than material or physical things. It often involves a sense of connection to something greater than oneself, whether through religion, personal growth, or a search for meaning.
Taking scriptures to a deeper level from a salvation and baptism base to a spiritual understanding omitting worldly traditions, practices, and beliefs systems.
When living from the perspective of life-love, faith is implementing moral conviction. A reliance and assurance through Jesus Christ who is salvation.

John 1:14
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The basis of spirituality is simply a soul living eternal lives that consists of all aspects of love. A soul choosing how much "life" it wishes to live by. Love can be seen on all levels of love-goodness. Therefore, love is life.
Some examples of love in different degrees or depths;
Affection, appreciation, devotion, emotion, fondness, friendship, passion, respect, tenderness, allegiance, like, regard, cherish, intimacy, beloved, adoration, devotion, treasure, regard, revere, relish, esteem, and so on.

John 1:12-13

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Interesting how this verse is worded. This scripture is saying that souls are to become the sons of God by God's will himself. At some "time", they will be received because it is not "the will of man, but of God."

Exo 31:3
And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Lev 11:44
For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Mal 3:6
For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

(See Also; Heb 13:8, James 1:17)

Eph 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

So the Lord changes not. Whereby ye are sealed unto your day of redemption. By your willingness to live by love, you are filled with the spirit of God, in wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and all manner of workmanship, living your life from all aspects from love for creation as stated in the two greatest commandments.

Mark 12:30-31

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

The flesh creates the alienation from your true spiritual self as well as that sense of separation from creation.

Eph 4:18

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

The blindness is due to the flesh birth that creates the polarity of goodness and evil, thereby through free will a soul may choose how it wishes to live.

Luke 4:4
And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

1Peter 1:15-16
But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
What is holy?
H6918 קָדוֹשׁ קָדַשׁ From H6942; sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) God (by eminence), an angel, a saint, a sanctuary: - From; H6942 קָדַשׁ A primitive root; to be (causatively make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally).

Conversation from the Greek;
G391 ἀναστροφή From G390; behavior: - conversation. G390 ἀναστρέφω From G303 and G4762; to overturn; also to return; by implication to busy oneself, that is, remain, live: - abide, behave self, have conversation, live, overthrow, pass, return, be used.

Being holy, sacred, clean, is behavior. To overturn ones behavior to remain alive.

Eph 4:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

There is no true separation between God and all of creation because God is Creation. God does not live from any other perspective other then from the love emulating from his creation. The simplicity of life from Scripture is love. Love on all levels or degrees. Living from all goodness in all thought and action is living from love.
The world offers all other opposition to a spiritual life of love. That includes in part, the ego. How much of the opposition stem from the ego? Confusion, judgement, criticism, evaluation, condemnation, scrutiny, false discernment, polarity, contrast, opposition, duality, division, negativity, pessimism, cynicism, despair, hostility and more. The flesh being being its own god, (little g).

Spiritual truths are the Word, and living by that principle of love that Jesus came to teach by example. Souls are to be like Jesus. Living by the precepts of Jesus is the basis on how to live, which is the definition of life.
Note;
**Study scriptures that are the words of Jesus, the "red" letters. Jesus less complicates and confuses readers. The Bible being written over centuries ago by multiple authors, traditions, diverse cultures, and theological concerns.*
**Looking up Bible words in a Greek and Hebrew concordance can significantly enhance your understanding of Scripture. Understanding the Original Meaning The Bible was originally written in Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament). A concordance helps you see the meanings of the words from the original texts before they were translated into English from Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.*

**The English language is not as complex and the Greek and Hebrew languages. Translations sometimes simplify or words are interpreted from a different base understanding. By checking the original Greek or Hebrew, you can see the full depth of a word's meaning and apply it to ones own understanding at that particular time.*

Then there is trying to understand what is being said from a flesh living perspective when true life is manifested from the spirit, not the flesh. There again, spiritual truths need to be aligned and defined by the reader and not totally by another human. A mans relationship with the Lord God is one on one, and nobody can know another souls relationship and the individuals path in living a life from love. Each individual seeks their own understanding in their own depths of the Word leading to their own understanding. Obedience drives the soul proving it truths.
Explaining evil or negativity is not easy other then to recognize that what could be evil or negative to one person may not be to another. Also taking in to account that a souls relationship with God is his own as an individual and no one else can know that soul.

It is said in Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
(See Also; Rom 12:16, 15:5, 1Co 1:10, 15:5, Php 2:2-3, 2:20, 3:16, 4:2, 1Peter 3:8, 4:1) (Same Mind, Likeminded)
Neutralize any opposition to love. The amount of life-love and not evil-negativity you are allowing, is in relationship to Christ and Father God in communion with your self and other souls-creation. Humankind has the "appearance" of everything being from his own. This is the god (small g), that judges and has very little faith and trust in the Lord.

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